



March 5, 2012

The Honorable Peter A. Hammen
Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1912

Re: HB 759 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Health Care Delivery Systems - Pilot Project - **Support**

Dear Senator Hammen:

HB 759 establishes a pilot project for developing proposals for innovative health care delivery systems. The rising cost of the traditional health care delivery system impacts the community in many ways, from rising health care premiums to our current budget deficit.

Innovative health care delivery systems have found high quality care in the least restrictive environments and at a cost savings. Programs that have enabled patients to live independently in their homes instead of long term care settings, providing chronic disease management and reducing cost admissions to hospitals need to be tested here in Maryland with our Medical Assistance Programs.

For these reasons above, The Legislative Committee of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce asks that your committee give this bill a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael McMullin'.

Michael McMullin
President
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Senator Joseph M. Getty
Delegate Susan W. Krebs